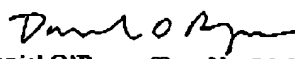


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136

The applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office action dated February 23, 2006 for three months from May 23, 2006 to August 23, 2006. Please charge the deposit account number 13-3860 of applicant's agent of record, in the amount of US\$ 510.00 (fee code 2253) to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above numbered deposit account.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

In response to the Office action dated February 23, 2006, applicant submits the following Amendment for entry in the above-identified application.

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